ABOUT US

Cultural heritage is fundamental to sustainable development and well-being. Yet, it needs care, protection and effective management. Those entrusted with conserving heritage need tools and support to do their job to the best of their abilities.

ICCROM is an intergovernmental organization working in service to its Member States to promote the conservation of all forms of cultural heritage in every region. ICCROM is where communities, heritage professionals and governments collaborate to innovate and advance knowledge. Our strength lies in shifting viewpoints and creating heritage leaders for the future.

WE CURRENTLY DO THIS THROUGH THREE STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS (SDs) AND RESPECTIVE OBJECTIVES:

**SD1**
FOCUSING ON WORLD CONCERNS FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE

1.1 Protect cultural heritage in times of crisis
1.2 Support Africa’s cultural heritage
1.3 Foster emerging issues of heritage and conservation

2.1 Lead and innovate capacity building at all levels
2.2 Enhance community engagement in protecting heritage
2.3 Strengthen awareness about heritage and conservation

**SD2**
CREATING A DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE GLOBAL NETWORK

3.1 Strengthen the foundations of ICCROM
3.2 Increase the impacts of service delivery and visibility
3.3 Modernize and invest for effectiveness and efficiency

**SD3**
STRENGTHENING AND TRANSFORMING ICCROM

AND THROUGH OUR COMMITMENT TO THE UN 2030 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS:
We placed particular emphasis on fostering our relationship with our host country, Italy, this quarter. For more than 60 years, ICCROM’s headquarters have been hosted on Italian territory, allowing us to strengthen mutually beneficial collaborations with heritage professionals and institutions here. This quarter, we were happy to participate in an expert roundtable on culture and climate organized by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and to speak at the Soft Power of Italy conference, which has become an annual tradition. We have also enjoyed spending time with the Ministry of Culture through reciprocal visits to each other’s headquarters and look forward to continuing to nourish our collaboration in the near future.

We are proud to have a strong network around the globe that is ready to respond to crises, such as the earthquake that devastated Türkiye and Syria in January. We offer our condolences for the lives lost, and the extensive damage caused and express our solidarity with the affected communities, as well as those engaged in first aid and civil protection activities. ICCROM always stands ready to support the conservation of all forms of cultural heritage in all our Member States. This includes Brazil, where our risk management methodology was put into practice to help safeguard cultural heritage in the recent events of vandalism in the World Heritage Property of Brasília. Read the words of Ms Gilcy Rodrigues Azevedo, Head of Preservation Services at Brazil’s Chamber of Deputies, who said that we helped her team save Brazil’s memory.

We continue taking action to preserve Ukraine’s heritage, aiding the society’s long-term recovery and future resilience. This quarter, we were honoured to receive an outpouring of support from the United States. With their generous contribution, we will be able to conduct the first phase of our long-term plan of enhancing capacities for crisis response and recovery, working closely with the Ukrainian Ministry of Culture and Information Policy.

We have no plans to slow down as we prepare for the General Assembly this fall. We thank all those who joined us at the informational meeting in March and welcome you to continue keeping in touch throughout the year as we work together to protect our cultural heritage for a better world.

Webber Ndoro
Director-General
ICCROM
Opening doors for heritage professionals

Conservation of Built Heritage course
The course is our first in-person course in Rome since before the pandemic.

New classifieds section
Share opportunities with the cultural heritage community!

Joining forces with our Member States

Safeguarding heritage in Ukraine with support of United States
## Q1 AT A GLANCE

### TRAINING

- **564** People trained
- **18** Training activities (Courses & workshops delivered)
- **100** Resource people

### PROGRAMME

- **15** Field projects delivered
- **11** Interns, fellows & researchers
- **143** Active institutional partnerships (including secondments)
- **3** Ongoing surveys
- **5** Publications
- **17** Advisory services of which 2 of them to WHC
- **4** New staff members

### WEB STATISTICS

- **57** Web announcements posted
- **46K** Downloads
- **194K** Visits
- **390K** Total social media impressions
We celebrated a milestone in Mosul as 25 young architects and civil engineers graduated from our nine-month course on professional development.

Read more

On 31 January, a culture-focused “Heritage Hub” was officially launched to make cultural heritage a source of sustainable economic and social benefit for Rwanda’s youth.

Read more

Five People Nature Culture courses in 2023

This year’s first edition of the People-Nature-Culture (PNC) course brought together 25 practitioners from 24 countries.

Read more

In March, the Foundation Partners of the World Heritage Leadership programme met in Rome to kick off Phase 2 and shape future work on World Heritage capacity building.

Read more

ICCROM’s newest programme, Sustaining Digital Heritage (SDH), held our first workshop on telling and preserving heritage stories in the digital realm.

Read more
Building Capacity

First Aid and Resilience for Cultural Heritage in Times of Crisis (FAR)
- PROCULTHHER-NET, Protecting Cultural Heritage from the Consequences of Disasters-Network (delivered in 2 cycles)

World Heritage Leadership (WHL)
- Management Effectiveness Workshop for the Revision of the 3rd ICMP of the World Heritage property of Robben Island
- Workshop for Periodic Reporting in Germany
- Managing World Heritage: People Nature Culture (PNC23)
- DRM Advanced course with ARC-WH on Climate Action for Heritage
- Course on Impact Assessment in a World Heritage Context
- Renewable Energy Transition in a World Heritage Context
- International Course on DRM of Historic Urban Areas in collaboration with SEAMEO SPAFA and Ritsumeikan

Sustainability and Built Heritage
- Capacity Building for holistic, sustainable and resilient recovery of Mosul, Iraq

Our Collections Matter
- OCM Field Projects

Sustaining Digital Heritage
- Workshop "The Digital Story Circle: Telling and Preserving Heritage Stories in the Digital Realm"

ATHAR
- MSc Programme in Conservation Management of Cultural Heritage
- Conservation of historic sites and buildings
- Conservation of Museum Collections
- Management of Museums

Youth.Heritage.Africa (YHA)
- Digital Technologies for Heritage: World Heritage Future Lab
- Atelier sur la gestion des réserves
- Fundraising and Partnership Engagement workshop

More information about our programmes is available on our website.
Launched the Davos Baukultur Alliance

On 16 January 2023, we signed the Founding Act of the Davos Baukultur Alliance at the 2nd Conference of European Ministers of Culture.

Joining cultural heritage leaders at ALIPH Forum

We joined our long-standing partner, the ALIPH Foundation, and other cultural heritage preservation leaders at the 2023 ALIPH Forum in Abu Dhabi.

3 new publications

This quarter, we published Heritage Management Practices: Voices from the Field, proceedings of the second Arab Forum, and Conversaciones No. 11.

ON THE BLOG

Modern technology isn't enough to reduce the risk of disaster: We need traditional & Indigenous knowledge

By Rohit Jigyasu

RESEARCH

The next generation

In the first quarter of 2022, we welcomed one fellow and ten new interns!

Sustainable development through heritage

We wrapped up the first phase of the CH4IG project and are planning the next.

Measuring our impact in Ukraine

Results are in: ICCROM-FAR’s app for damage and risk assessment in Ukraine.
SERVICES

ADVISORY SERVICES

15 Requesting Parties
11 Member States

Brazil
Brunei
Ecuador
Italy
Japan
Nigeria
Switzerland
Türkiye
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom

Training
Meetings & conferences
Technical assistance
Information

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RESOURCES OF THE MONTH

Discover the resources highlighted this quarter!

January

Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict: more relevant than ever in 2023

February

Ethiopia: Detail of angel ceiling, Debre Berhan Selassie Church, Gondar

March

A 145-year-old "book of recipes, formulas and secrets"
**Library**

- **Visit requests**: 163
- **Documents sent**: 109
- **Reference services**: 6
- **Records added**: 278

**Periodicals**

- **25** renewed subscriptions

**Countries reached through Library services**

Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iran, Italy, Netherlands, Pakistan, Peru, Spain, Switzerland, Tunisia, Türkiye, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States

**Records & Archives**

- **Reference & access**: 31
- **Resources shared**: 144

**Projects**

- Mora Samples Collection Project
- InterPARES Trust AI

**Countries reached through Records & Archive services**

Austria, China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Netherlands, Switzerland, Türkiye and United States of America

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**OpenAthens accounts for researchers in conservation and restoration**

Researchers in conservation and restoration from our Member States can apply for a unique opportunity to access our electronic resources covering a wide range of conservation and restoration topics.

[Apply here](#)
ENGAGING WITH MEMBER STATES

VISITS TO ICCROM

Ambassador Cindy McCain visits Sharjah, UAE

Visit from representatives of the Stati Generali del Patrimonio Italiano

Visit from Ambassador of Spain

Visit from Ambassador of Sudan to Italy

Delegation from the National Cultural Heritage Administration (NCHA) of China visited Sharjah

Ministry of Culture of Italy visits ICCROM headquarters

All visitors news

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO ICCROM

Access the portal

What does it mean to be an ICCROM Member State?

We answered this and many other questions during our second annual Member State Induction Briefing held on 20 March 2023

We thank the representatives of our Member States and permanent observers from all regions of the world who attended this meeting.

ICCRom celebrates

The People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria

50 years with ICCROM

Member State since 18/01/1973

DIRECTOR-GENERAL’S MISSIONS

RWANDA
Jan-Feb 2023

KENYA
February 2023

FRANCE
February 2023

USA
February 2023

CANADA
February 2023

SAUDI ARABIA
March 2023

OMAN
March 2023

Question about invoicing or payments?
Contact MScontributions@iccrom.org

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The United States has contributed close to $250,000 to support ICCROM’s efforts in building Ukrainian professionals’ capacities to safeguard and recover their cultural heritage.

With this grant, ICCROM will work closely with the Ministry of Culture and Information Policy and the Heritage Emergency Response Initiative (HERI) of Ukraine to conduct systematic damage and risk assessments at endangered heritage places.

Following the announcement of the grant, on 30 March 2023, the US Mission to the UN Agencies in Rome organized an event for members of the Rome-based diplomatic corps to learn more about ICCROM’s preservation efforts in Ukraine and the important role ICCROM plays in safeguarding cultural heritage in times of crisis. Read more.
**STRENGTHENING ICCROM**

**SMART ICCROM**

- We have concluded the migration to MS 365 and provided training to ICCROM’s staff on Outlook, Teams and OneDrive. At the same time, we have carried out several projects to modernize our IT infrastructure (on-premises and cloud-based) and to improve overall security.

- Last quality control phase for the Records and Archives website is being undertaken. The development phase of the Register for Samples Archives website is being concluded.

- Ongoing onboarding of the World Heritage Leadership Programme Officer
- Finalized selection of Movable Heritage Project Officer
- Finalized selection of Communication Officer
- Finalized selection of HR Assistant
- Finalized selection of Accounting Assistant
- Ongoing selection of ICT Assistant
- Finalized Invitation to Bid for Executive Search Firm
- Ongoing Invitations to Bid:
  - Translation and Interpretation Firm
  - Branding Agency
- 2023 Unit Workplans produced
- Initiated trainings for Executives and Project Managers

**GREEN ICCROM**

- We fully offset our carbon emissions from air travel and energy consumption (HQ) in the first quarter of 2023.

- We’ve also offset 352.35 kg of CO2e through DHL’s GoGreen Climate Neutral services!

- Monitoring ICCROM’s carbon footprint: energy & gas consumption, paper & printing, air travel.

- Carbon footprint dashboard updated on a quarterly basis.

**ADDITIONAL NOTICES**

- Ongoing meetings with service provider to best design and implement the E-Learning platform.

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Policy & Regulations**

- Performance Management System guidelines - Received positive feedback from Bureau
- Revenue Management Process - Approved by management
- Anti-bribery and Corruption Policy - draft finalized for FAC
- Administrative circulars created
- Guidelines for the management of external funds issued (AC2023_01)
- Teleworking Guidelines issued (AC2023_02)

**Recruiting & Restructuring**

- Among all activities related to the analysis, the CRM project team first met providers that gave an overview of their products and then started a selection process for a consulting company to carry out an assessment on the internal analysis, with a focus on the ‘AS-IS’. In the meantime, the activities database is kept up-to-date.
BUDGET STATUS

ICCROM’s 2023 budget implementation status at the end of the first quarter is presented below, disaggregated according to the three Strategic Directions (SDs). The amounts in EUR correspond to the total budget for the year, including operations and costs (excluding staff costs). The percentages indicate the fraction of the annual budget spent by the end of this quarter.

SD1

17.6%  
€ 1.265.634.65

SD2

18.3%  
€ 1.681.818.63

SD3

8.4%  
€ 1.100.634.84

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